(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the benefits that may accrue to 30 million mentally retarded persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities under its Reach & Relief Scheme provides financial support for running day care respite care, and residential care centres and training of special teachers and home based care givers. Besides, assistance is provided for establishment of information centres, development and dissemination of information booklets for parents and families, organizing awareness campaigns and seminars etc. To address Guardianship issues, Local Level Committees are also being set up in the State and U.Ts. The details of scheme/programmes of National Trust is also available in the web site www.nationaltrust.org.in

Vocational training to disabled persons by RCI

3983. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Vocational Education has prepared a comprehensive plan for imparting vocational training to persons with disability and it would be the responsibility of Rehabilitation Council of India to prepare vocational instructors for the future;

(b) if so, the details of plan prepared by Rehabilitation Council of India;

(c) to what extent Government have agreed to implement this plan;

(d) whether Government have also plan to have Rs. 100 crore fund exclusively for extremely disabled; and

(e) if so, the criteria adopted in providing help and assistance to the disabled under this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c) The Rehabilitation Council of India has standardized the curriculum of one-year Diploma in Vocational Training and Employment (Mental Retardation) to train instructors.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, Rs. 213.95 crore has been provided for disability sector during financial year 2003-04 under different schemes for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including extremely disabled persons.

Survey of social and educational conditions of backward classes in Karnataka

3984. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought financial help to conduct door to door survey regarding social and educational conditions of backward classes in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance sought for; and

(c) whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes had sent a proposal of Rs. 15.00 crores for conducting a comprehensive survey to determine the social and educational conditions of backward classes in the State. They had requested the Central Government to provide 50% of the project cost as matching grants.

(c) The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes has already been informed that there is no scheme in this Ministry under which the financial assistance could be provided to them for the purpose.

Welfare Schemes for Handicapped Persons in Gujarat

3985. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some scheme from the Government of Gujarat for the welfare of handicapped have been pending with Government for approval for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the time by when these schemes are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.